(d) AAI imposes penal interest on these defaulting airlines and court cases/arbitration and cases under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupation) Act 1971 have been filed against them in various courts of the country.

Fleet utilisation of AI

2017. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilisation of Air India's fleet is lower than the industry average in the past few years;

(b) if so, what has been the results of efforts made by Government to increase the fleet utilisation of Air India during the past few years; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to improve the fleet utilisation of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The utilisation of A310-300 aircraft by Air India is better than the industry average. However, the utilisation of B-747 classic aircraft is very low as these aircraft are very old and are economically unviable to operate and therefore, they are being phased out. The utilisation of B-747-400 aircraft is marginally lower than the industry average due to scheduling done on commercial basis resulting in lower average stage length and higher average ground time.

Repatriation from Gulf Countries

2018. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give concession in India Airlines and Air India to the repatriates who are returning from Gulf Countries by availing general amnesty.

(b) if so, the details thereof;